

A NEW INDIAN BED-BUG: *CLINOCORIS PERISTERÆ*, SP. NOV.

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Closely allied to *C. lectularius* and *C. columbarius*, but abundantly distinct from both.

The relative lengths of the joints of the antennæ are as follows:—♂ 12, 35, 37, 28; ♀ 13, 36, 39, 29. The present species thus resembles *C. lectularius* in the third joint being longer than the second, and *C. columbarius* in the third joint being a third longer than the fourth.

The eyes of *C. peristeræ* are longer and wider than those of *C. columbarius*, measuring .18 mm. in length and .12 mm. in width, those of *C. columbarius* being .165 mm. long and .09 mm. wide. Explanate margins of the prothorax distinctly wider at the apex than obtains in *C. columbarius*, being .24 mm. wide instead of .18 mm. The scutellum resembles that of *columbarius*, but the hairs on it are twice as long as those of that species, measuring .06 mm. in length.

The relative lengths of the femora, tibiæ and tarsi (including claw) of the hind leg are as follows:—90, 105, 40; while in *columbarius* they are 85, 90, 35. Length 2.65 mm.

The colour of this species is brownish orange, and if not due to incomplete chitinization is very characteristic of the species.

All the examples of this interesting insect, some eighty in number, were received from Mr. P. T. L. Dodsworth, taken from a pigeon-house on the 12th of September, 1911, at Simla, N. W. Himalayas, India.

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CORRECTION OF IMPOSSIBLE NAMES.

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Mr. Meyrick (*ante* pp. 32–6) has taken a bold course in re-naming a number of species of Microlepidoptera described by Mr. Kearfott under names which had no pretence to classical correctness and which could not in any way be interpreted. A zoological name should surely be invalid unless it means, or is at least intended to mean something, and can therefore be translated, understood, and possibly remembered in connection with the object described. Whatever may be the finally accepted opinion as to the validity of his substituted names according to international rules of nomenclature, no entomologist, however strong an adherent he may be to the hard